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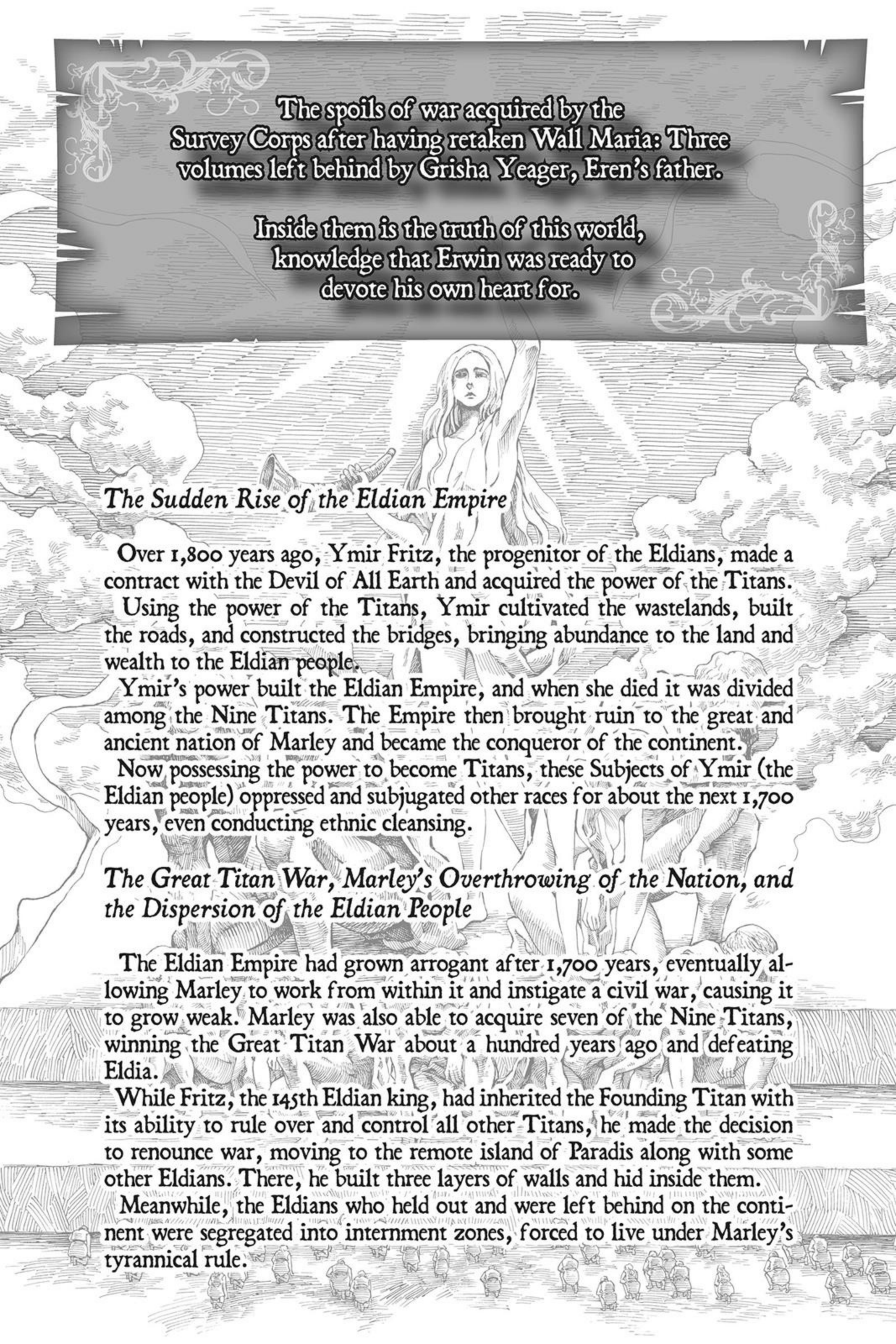
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The spoils of war acquired by the Survey Corps after having retaken Wall Maria: Three volumes left behind by Grisha Yeager, Eren's father.

Inside them is the truth of this world, knowledge that Erwin was ready to devote his own heart for.



The Sudden Rise of the Eldian Empire

Over 1,800 years ago, Ymir Fritz, the progenitor of the Eldians, made a contract with the Devil of All Earth and acquired the power of the Titans.

Using the power of the Titans, Ymir cultivated the wastelands, built the roads, and constructed the bridges, bringing abundance to the land and wealth to the Eldian people.

Ymir's power built the Eldian Empire, and when she died it was divided among the Nine Titans. The Empire then brought ruin to the great and ancient nation of Marley and became the conqueror of the continent.

Now possessing the power to become Titans, these Subjects of Ymir (the Eldian people) oppressed and subjugated other races for about the next 1,700 years, even conducting ethnic cleansing.

The Great Titan War, Marley's Overthrowing of the Nation, and the Dispersion of the Eldian People

The Eldian Empire had grown arrogant after 1,700 years, eventually allowing Marley to work from within it and instigate a civil war, causing it to grow weak. Marley was also able to acquire seven of the Nine Titans, winning the Great Titan War about a hundred years ago and defeating Eldia.

While Fritz, the 145th Eldian king, had inherited the Founding Titan with its ability to rule over and control all other Titans, he made the decision to renounce war, moving to the remote island of Paradis along with some other Eldians. There, he built three layers of walls and hid inside them.

Meanwhile, the Eldians who held out and were left behind on the continent were segregated into internment zones, forced to live under Marley's tyrannical rule.



The Eldia Restorationists' Turning Point and Marley's Soldiers

Through help from The Owl, an individual working against the Marleyan government from the inside, an underground anti-establishment organization on the continent known as the Eldia Restorationists had expanded their influence in secret and were beginning to make plans to take back the Founding Titan, which had been brought inside the Walls, and return it to the "True Royal Family."

Two members of the Restorationists, Dina Fritz, a descendent of the "True Royal Family" who had refused to flee to the island, and Grisha Yeager were wed and gave birth to a son, Zeke.

Meanwhile, with plans of its own to retake the Founding Titan, the Marleyan government began recruiting "Marley Warriors" from Eldian internment zones around the continent.

They collected Subjects of Ymir both male and female from ages five to seven. The goal of this program was to select suitable vessels for the seven Titans controlled by the Marleyan government.

Zeke had been sent to be a Marley Warrior, and around the time he turned seven, he informed on his parents to the Marleyan government. All of the Eldian Restorationists who were then caught were sent to "Paradis..."

...And then came the great tragedy.



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A black and white manga panel showing a man, a woman, and a young child sitting at a wooden table. The man, on the right, is pointing at an open book. The woman, on the left, is looking at the book. The child, in the middle, is also looking at the book. There are several other books on the table. The man is speaking, and the woman is responding.

YOU WERE
BORN TO
BECOME THE
KING WHO WILL
LEAD US
ELDIANS!

UNDER-
STAND,
ZEKE?

IT WAS
TOO LATE
BY THE
TIME WE
REALIZED.

A close-up of the woman's face. She has a determined and slightly angry expression, with her mouth slightly open as if speaking.

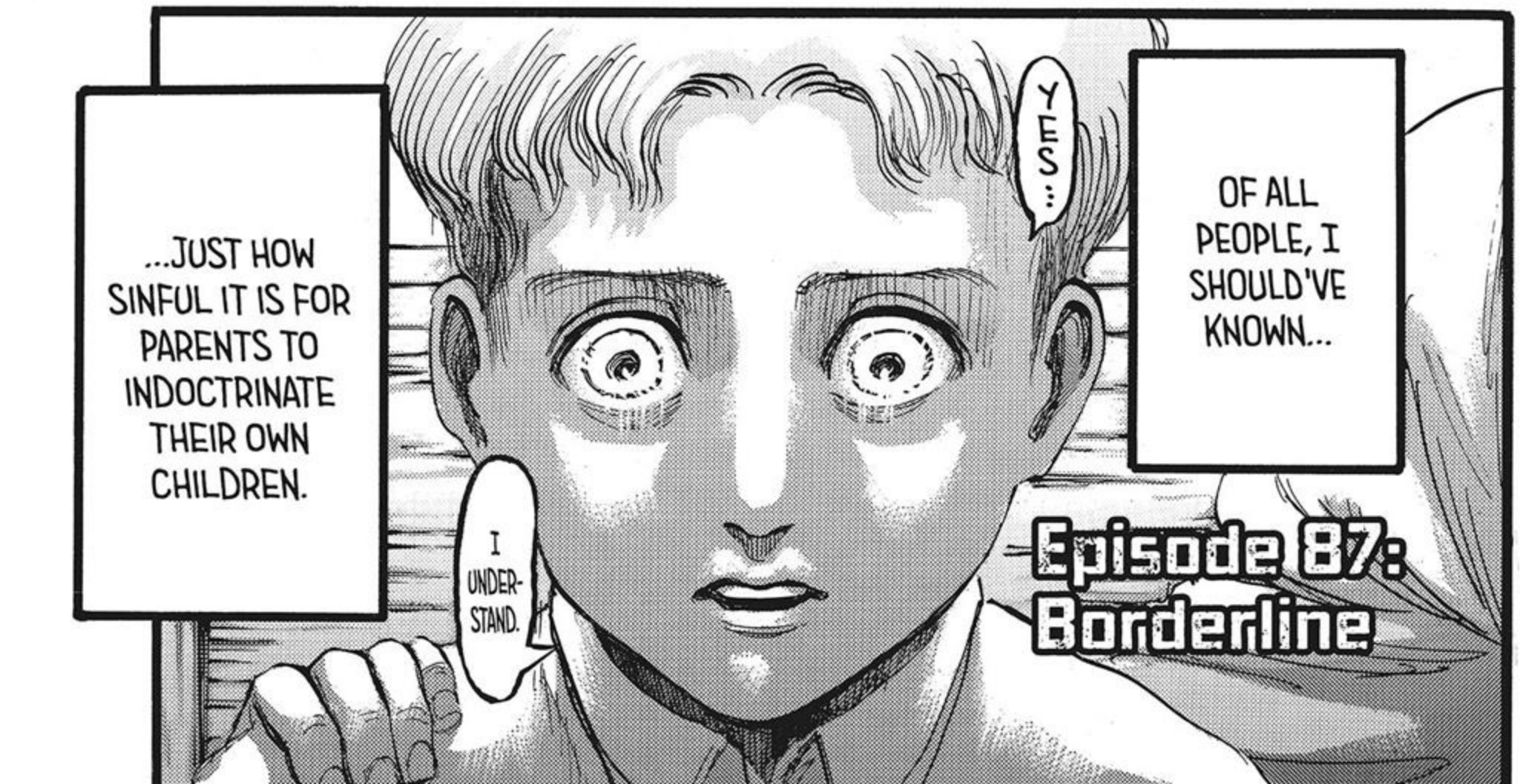
YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET BACK AT
THEM FOR
THE WAY
THEY'VE
DISGRACED
US, OKAY?

A close-up of the man's face. He has a serious and determined expression, with his mouth slightly open as if speaking.

BUT
YOU NEED
TO FOLLOW
ALL OF THEIR
TEACHINGS
BETTER THAN
ANYONE
ELSE.

EVERYTHING
THOSE
MARLEY
PEOPLE SAY
IS WRONG.

UNDERSTAND,
ZEKE...? WE
HAVE TO WIN
NOW.

A large close-up of Zeke's face. He has a shocked and wide-eyed expression, with his mouth slightly open. He is holding his hand near his face.

...JUST HOW
SINFUL IT IS FOR
PARENTS TO
INDOCTRINATE
THEIR OWN
CHILDREN.

I
UNDER-
STAND.

YES...

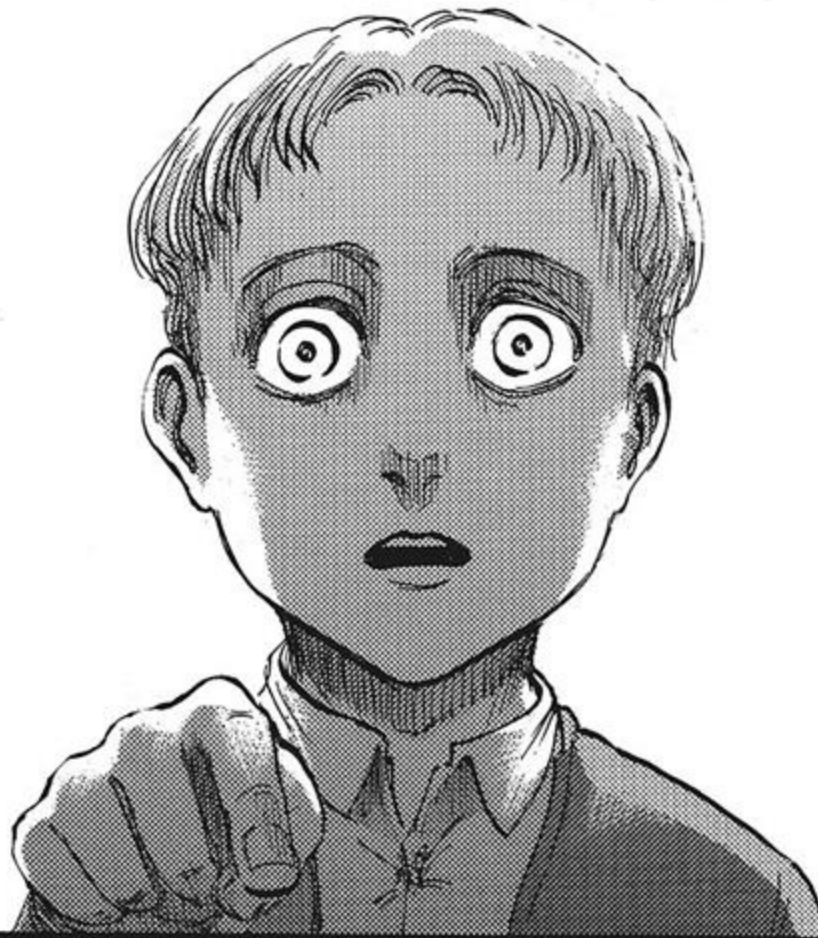
OF ALL
PEOPLE, I
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN...

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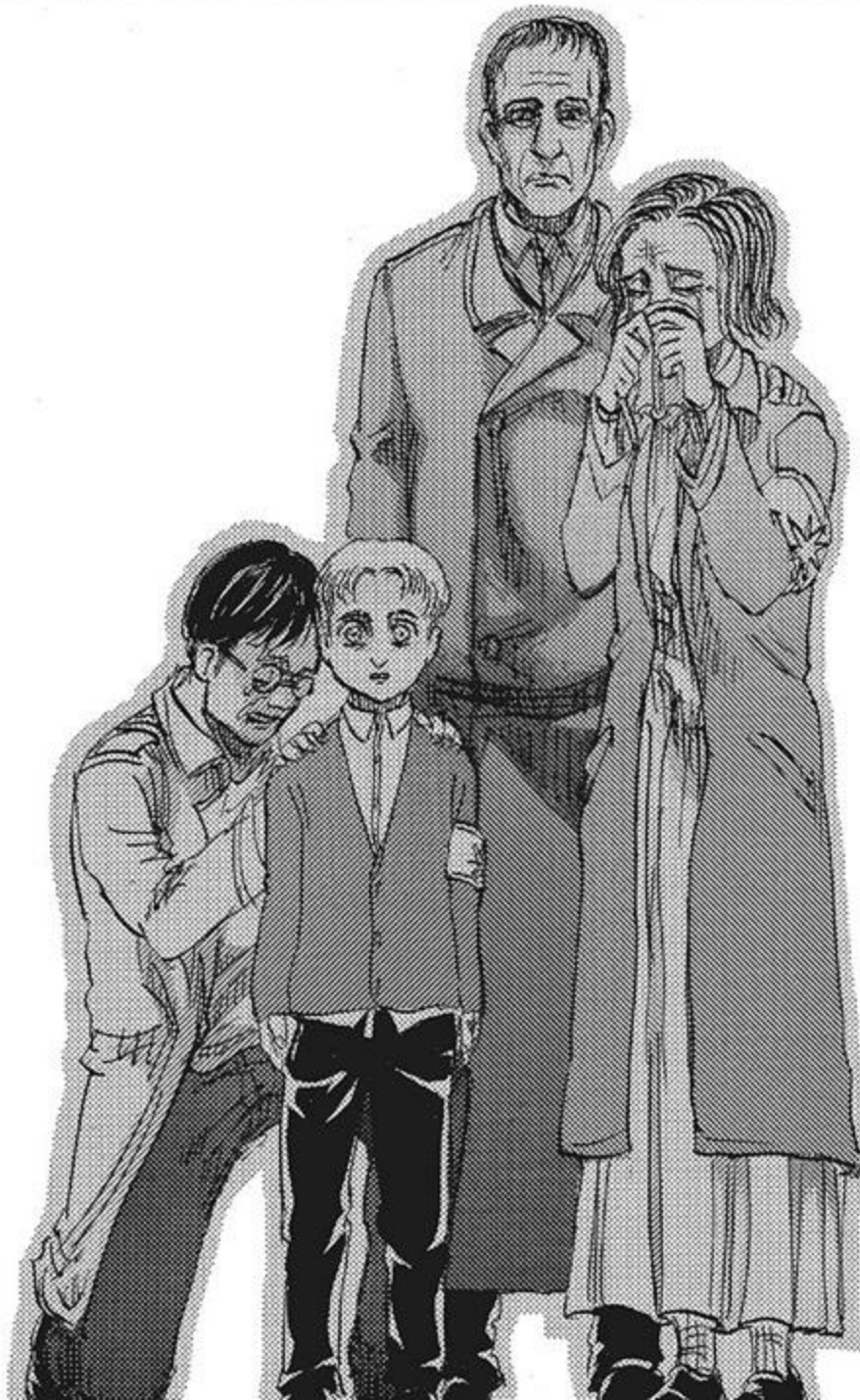
I WAS DOING
TO HIM WHAT
HAD BEEN
DONE TO ME.
WHY COULDN'T
I SEE THAT?

ONLY AS
A CHILD WITH
**ROYAL
BLOOD** AND
THE HOPE OF
THE ELDIA
RESTORA-
TIONISTS.

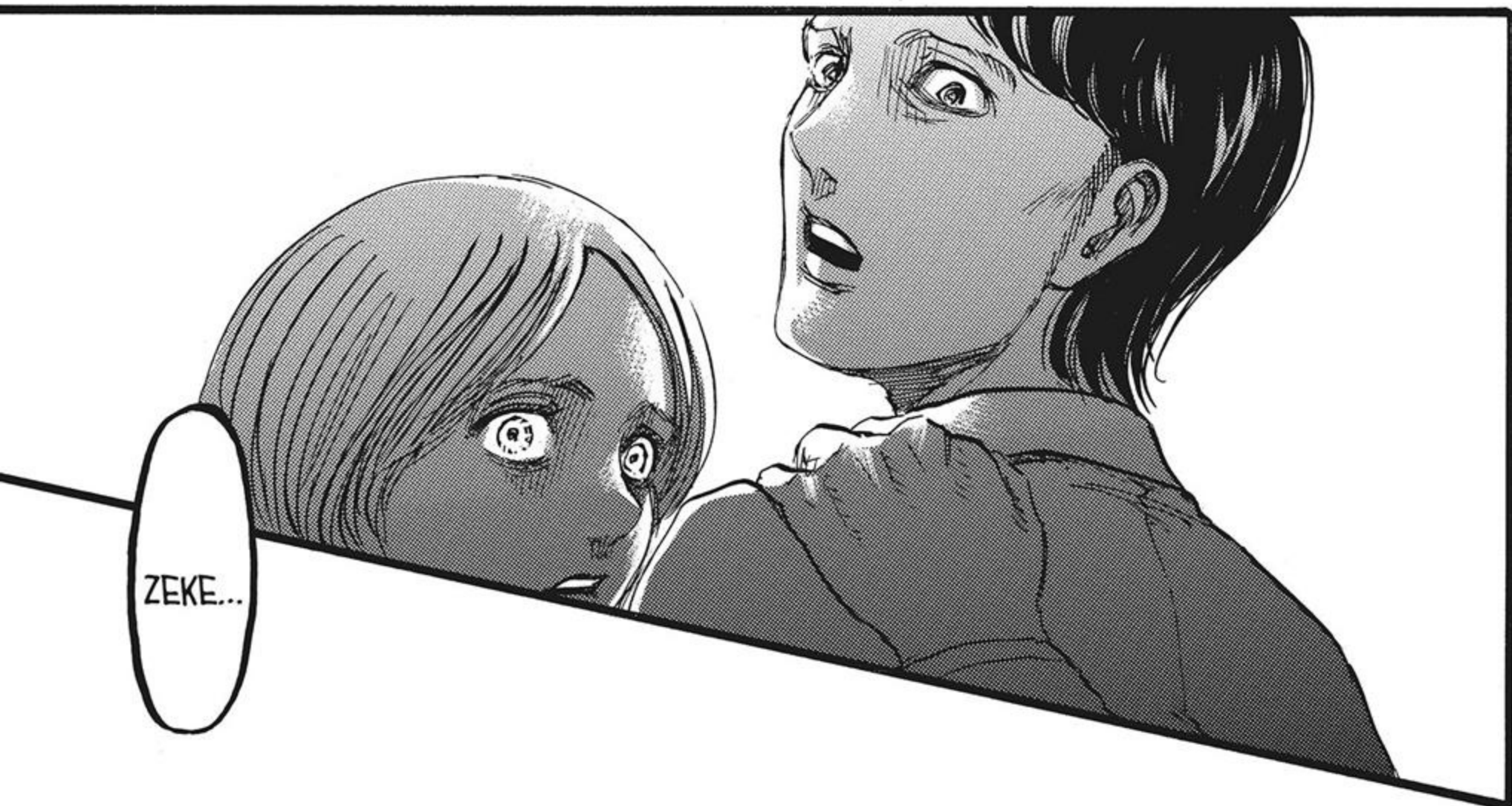
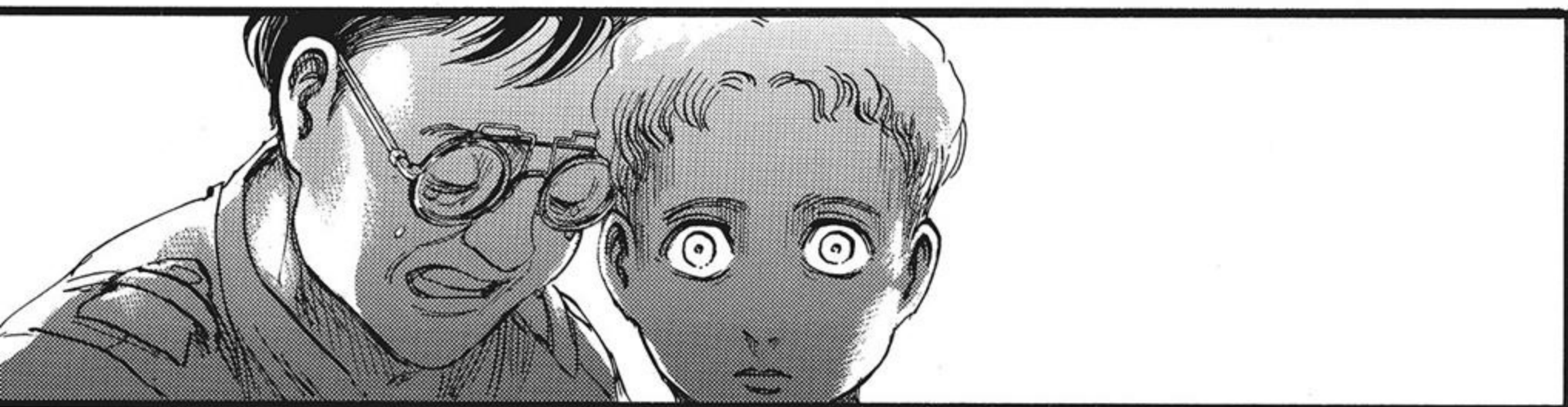


I DARE
SAY I
NEVER
ONCE
TREATED
ZEKE AS
ZEKE.

HE CHOSE
THE
SAFETY
HIS
GRAND-
PARENTS
OFFERED...



IN ANY
CASE, ZEKE
ABANDONED
HIS PARENTS
WHO
WILLINGLY
EXPOSED
THEIR OWN
CHILD TO
DANGER.







WE
STILL
DON'T
KNOW THE
OWL'S
IDENTITY.

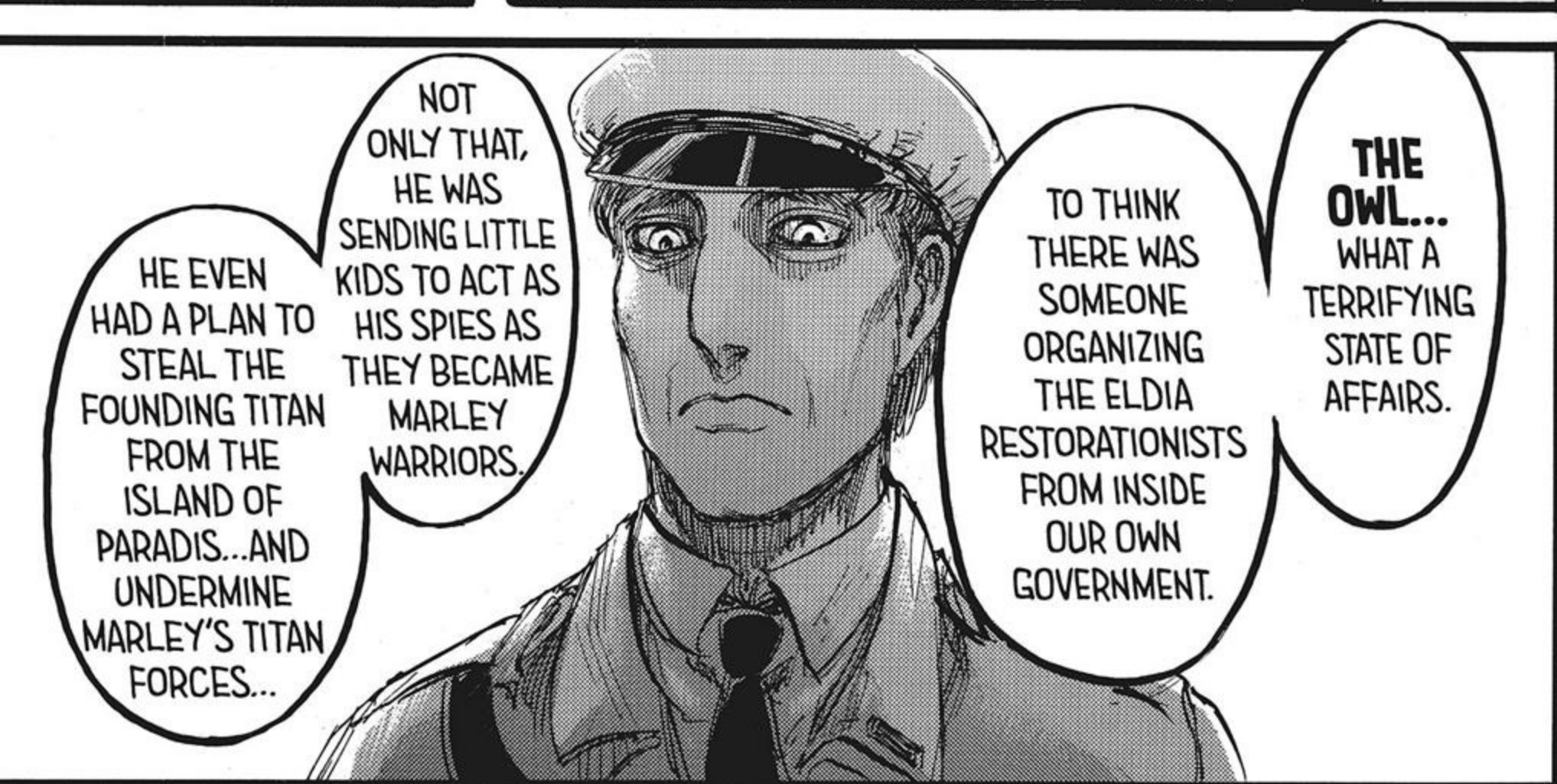


SO?

GET
ANY-
THING
?

RATTLE

AA
AA
AA
AA
HH
HH



HE EVEN
HAD A PLAN TO
STEAL THE
FOUNDING TITAN
FROM THE
ISLAND OF
PARADIS...AND
UNDERMINE
MARLEY'S TITAN
FORCES...

NOT
ONLY THAT,
HE WAS
SENDING LITTLE
KIDS TO ACT AS
HIS SPIES AS
THEY BECAME
MARLEY
WARRIORS.

TO THINK
THERE WAS
SOMEONE
ORGANIZING
THE ELDIA
RESTORATIONISTS
FROM INSIDE
OUR OWN
GOVERNMENT.

THE
OWL...
WHAT A
TERRIFYING
STATE OF
AFFAIRS.

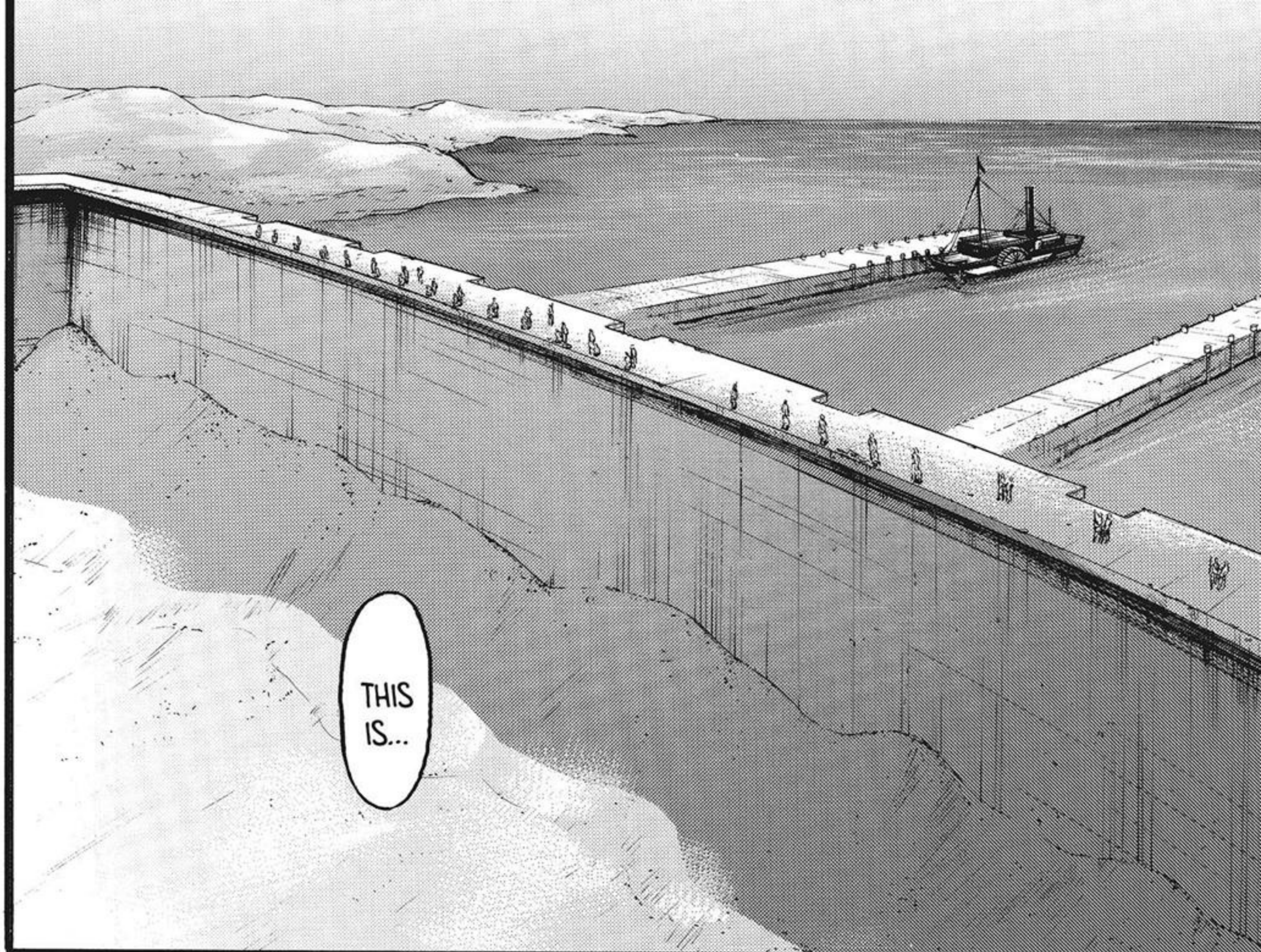


WE
WOULD HAVE
BEEN IN DANGER
IF HIS KID DIDN'T
INFORM ON
THEM.

WHILE THAT
WAS GOING ON, THEY
EVEN MANAGED TO BRING
UP THE FOUNDING TITAN
AS A WAY TO CALL FOR
SUPPORT AND DEFECTION
FROM MARLEY'S ENEMY
NATION TO THE EAST.







THIS
IS...

AND
YOU'LL
BE
SERVING
IT AS A
**MIND-
LESS
TITAN.**

YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE SERVING
A LIFE
SENTENCE
HERE FOR THE
CRIME OF
TREASON.

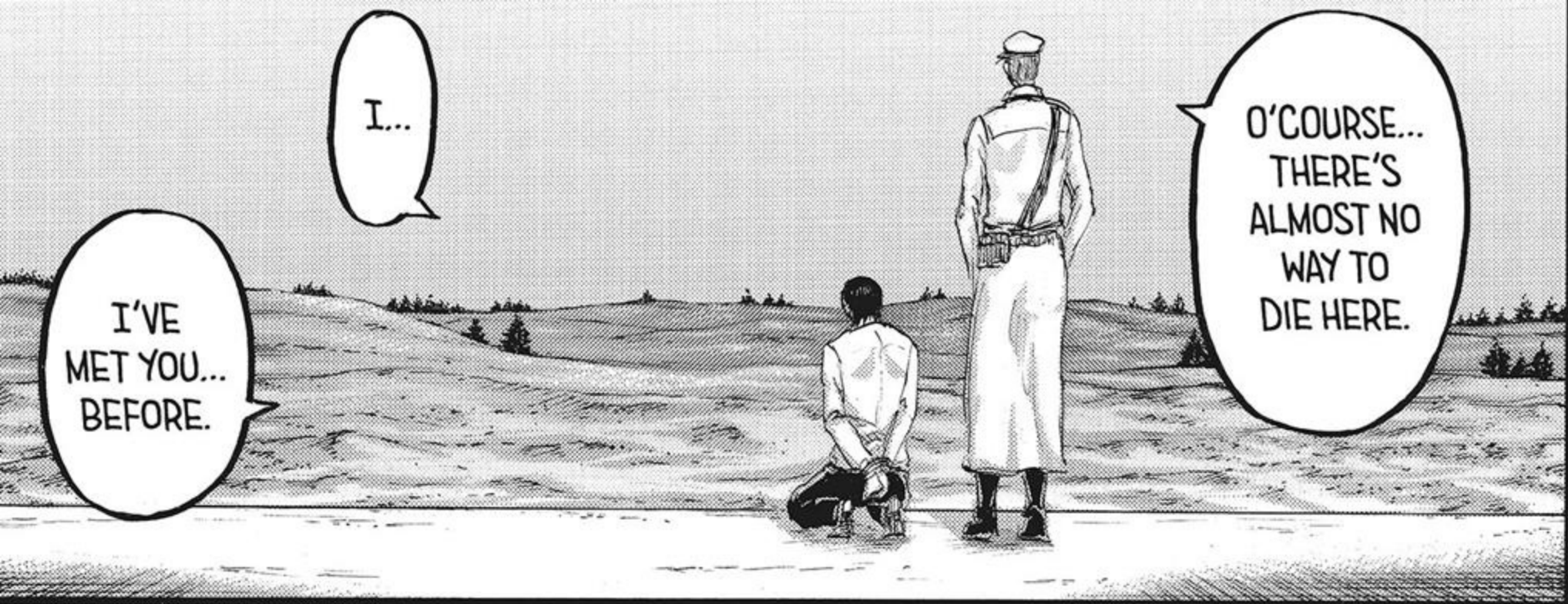
PARADIS, THE
PENAL COLONY
FOR ELDIAN
TRAITORS.
YOUR PEOPLE'S
HEAVENLY
KINGDOM.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THAT'S
ALL YOU'LL
BE DOING
UNTIL THE
DAY YOU
DIE.

YOU'LL
SENSE HUMANS,
CHASE HUMANS,
AND EAT
HUMANS.











YOU'RE
FREE TO
GO.



GRICE!!





HEY!
GRICE
?!

THOSE ARE
SAND DUNES
DOWN THERE.
WE WANT TO BE
SURE IT'S HARD
TO DIE FROM A
FALL, EVEN A
THIRTY-PLUS-
METER
ONE.



THIS
YOUR
FIRST
TIME
HERE?

HM?

SER-
GEANT
MAJOR
GROSS
?



YOU'LL
MAKE IT
TO THE
WALL IF
YOU'RE
LUCKY!!

RUN
STRAIGHT
NORTH
!!

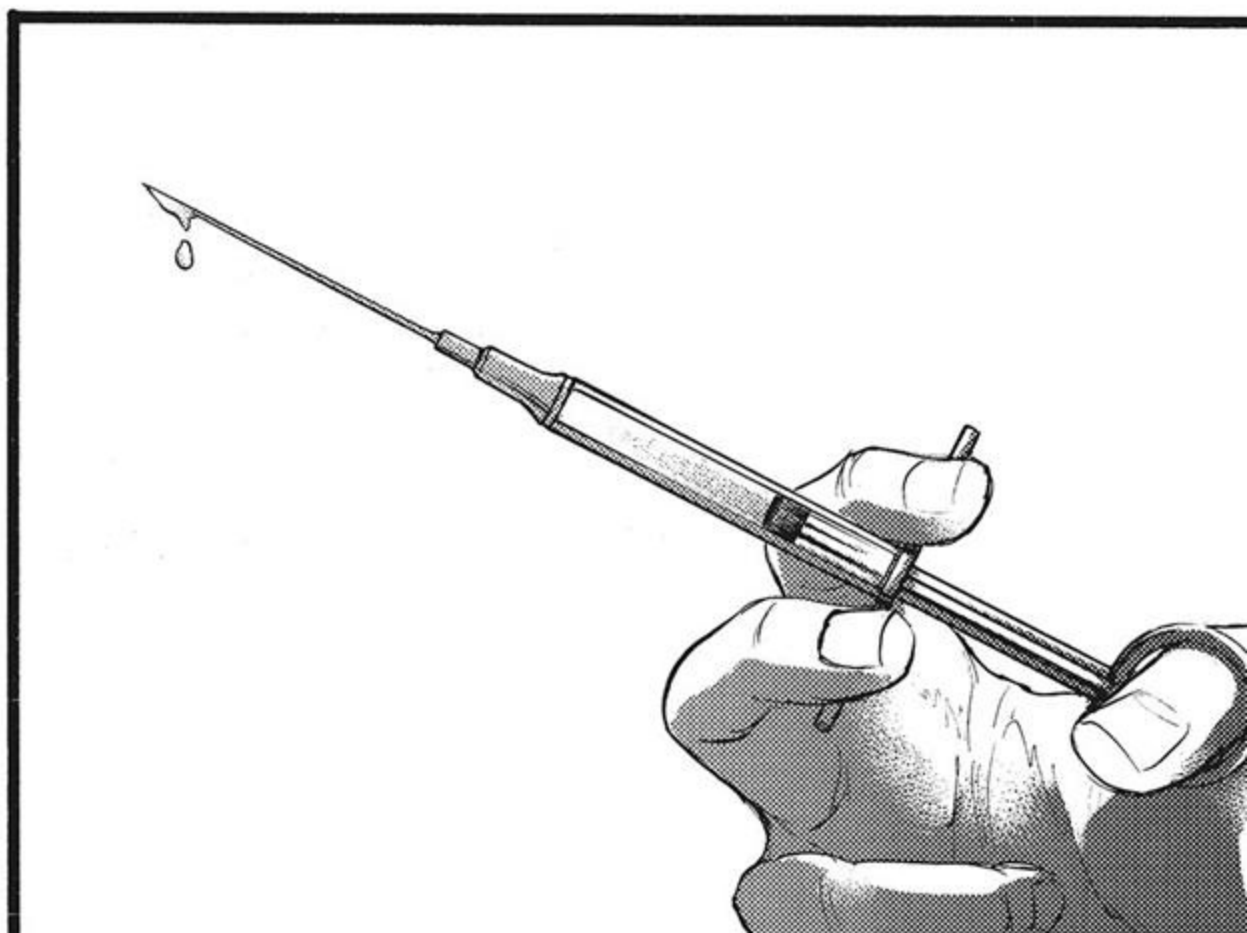


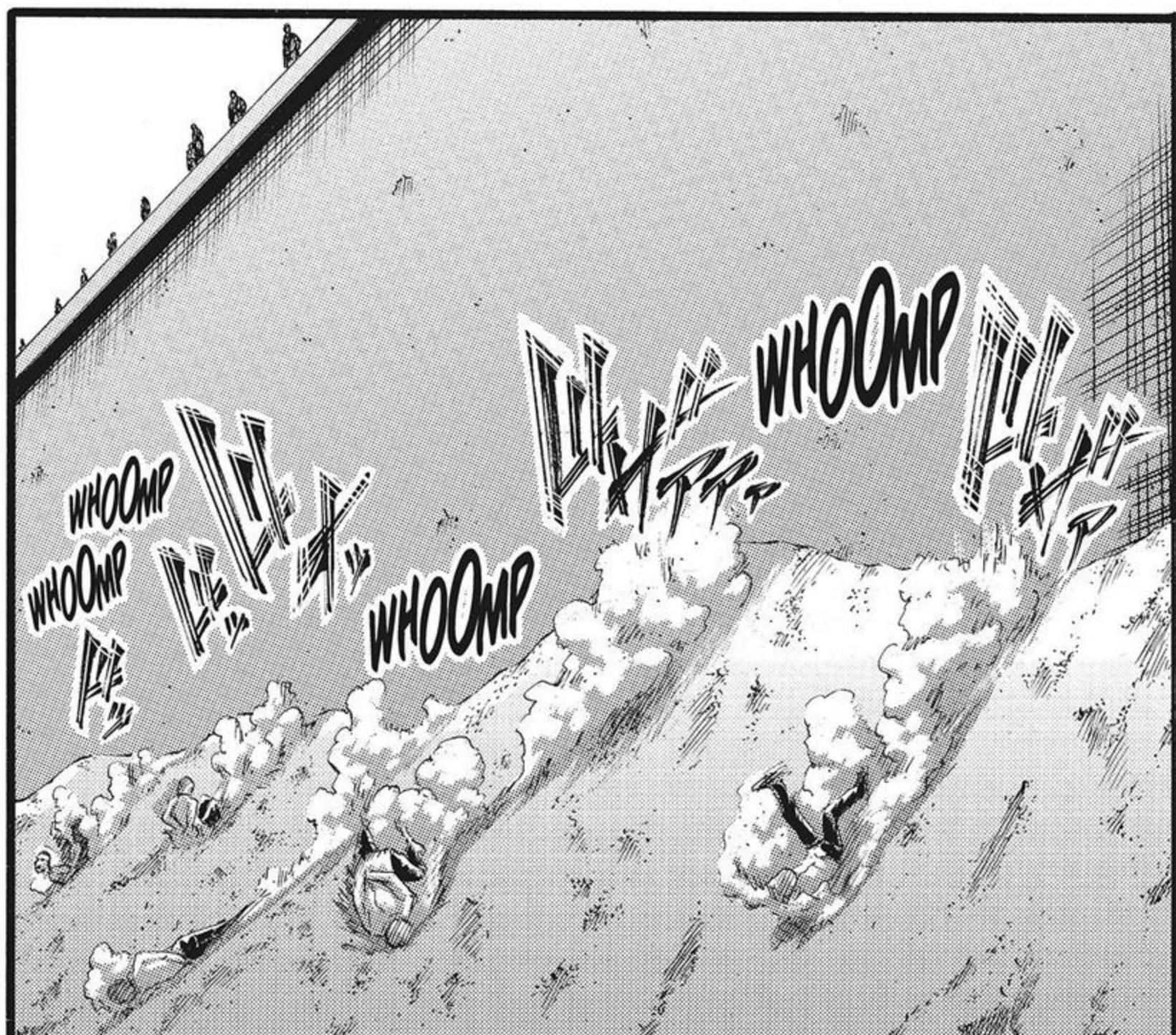
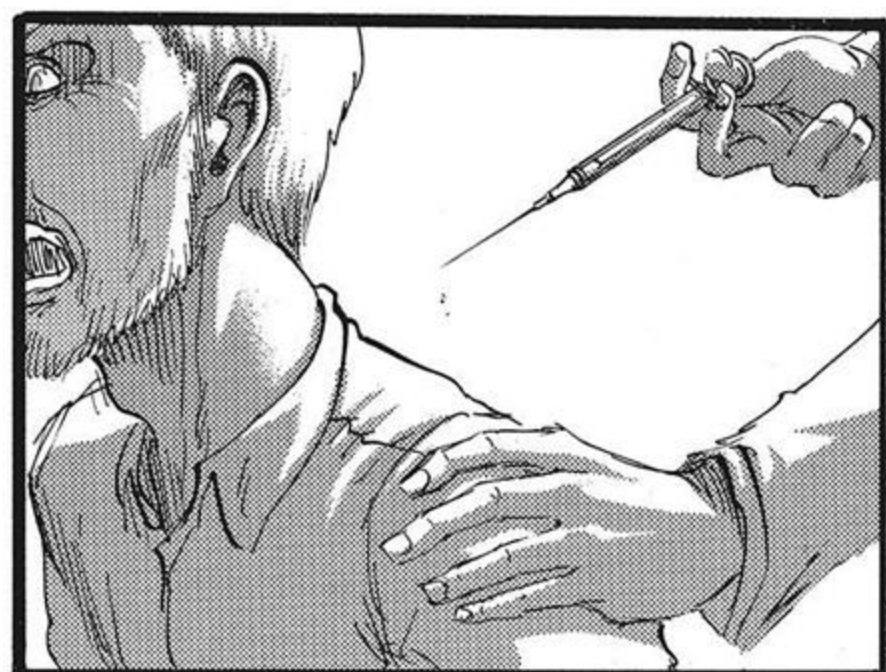
BUT
PUTTING HIM
DOWN THERE
DRAWS THE NEW
TITANS AWAY
FROM US.

IT MAKES
OUR JOB
EASIER.

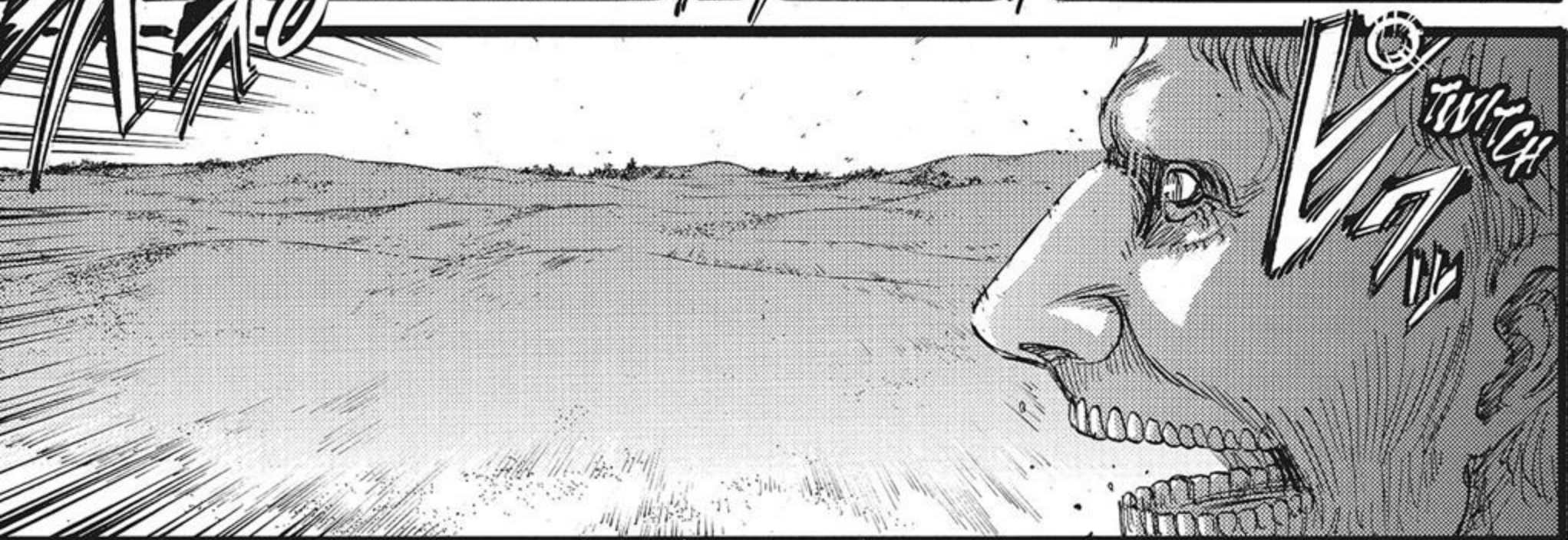
THE
**PURE
TITANS**
USUALLY DON'T
GET NEAR THE
OCEAN.

THP
THP
THP
THP









THUD THUD THUD THUD

DON'T
YOU
UNDER-
STAND?!
THAT'S
GRICE!!

STOP IT,
ALL OF
YOU!!
NOOOO!!

NO...
I STILL
WANT TO
INTERRO-
GATE
HIM.

I CAN'T
STAND
ALL THAT
NOISE.

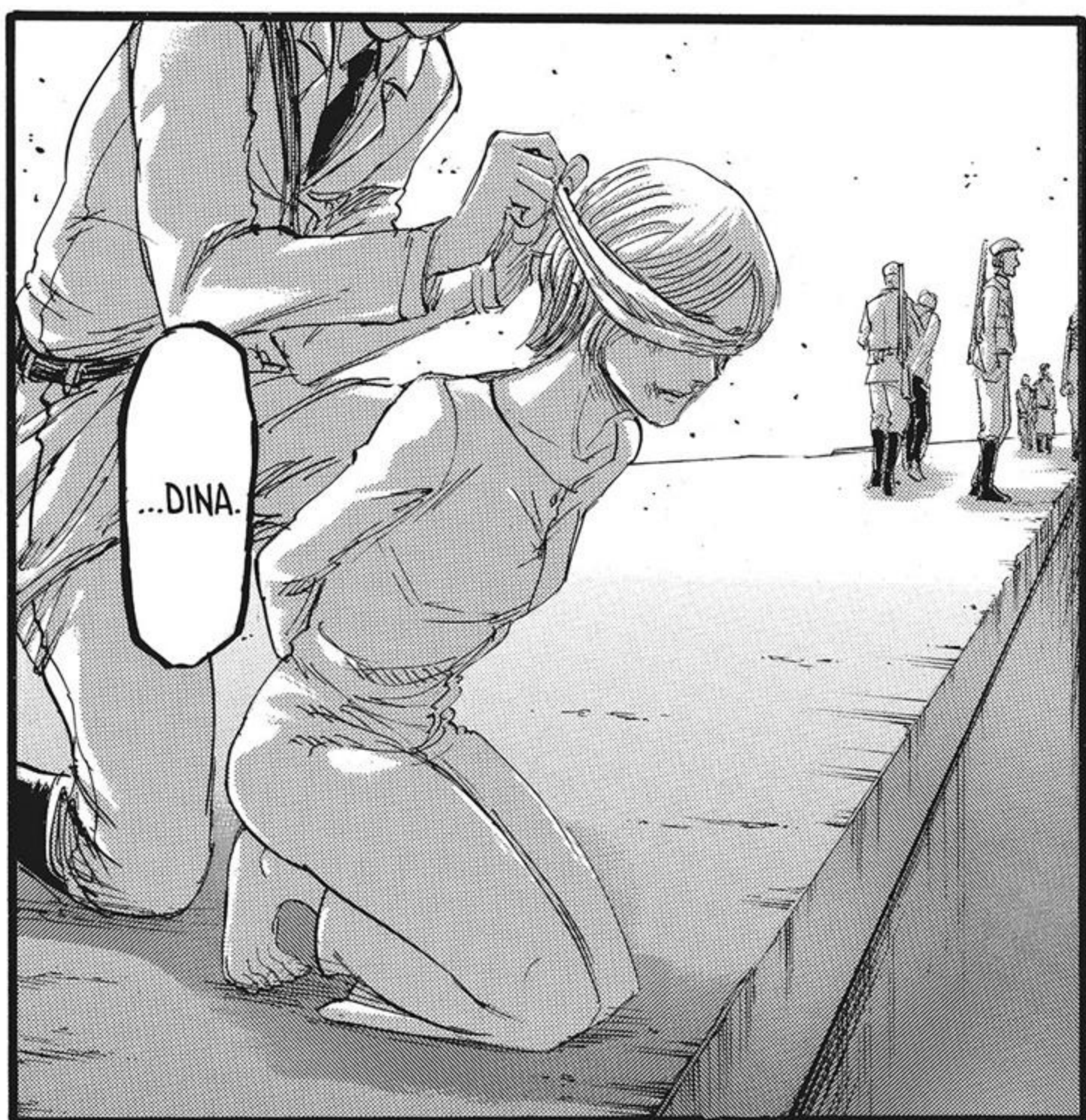
HEY,
KRUGER.
HURRY UP
AND TURN
HIM INTO A
TITAN.

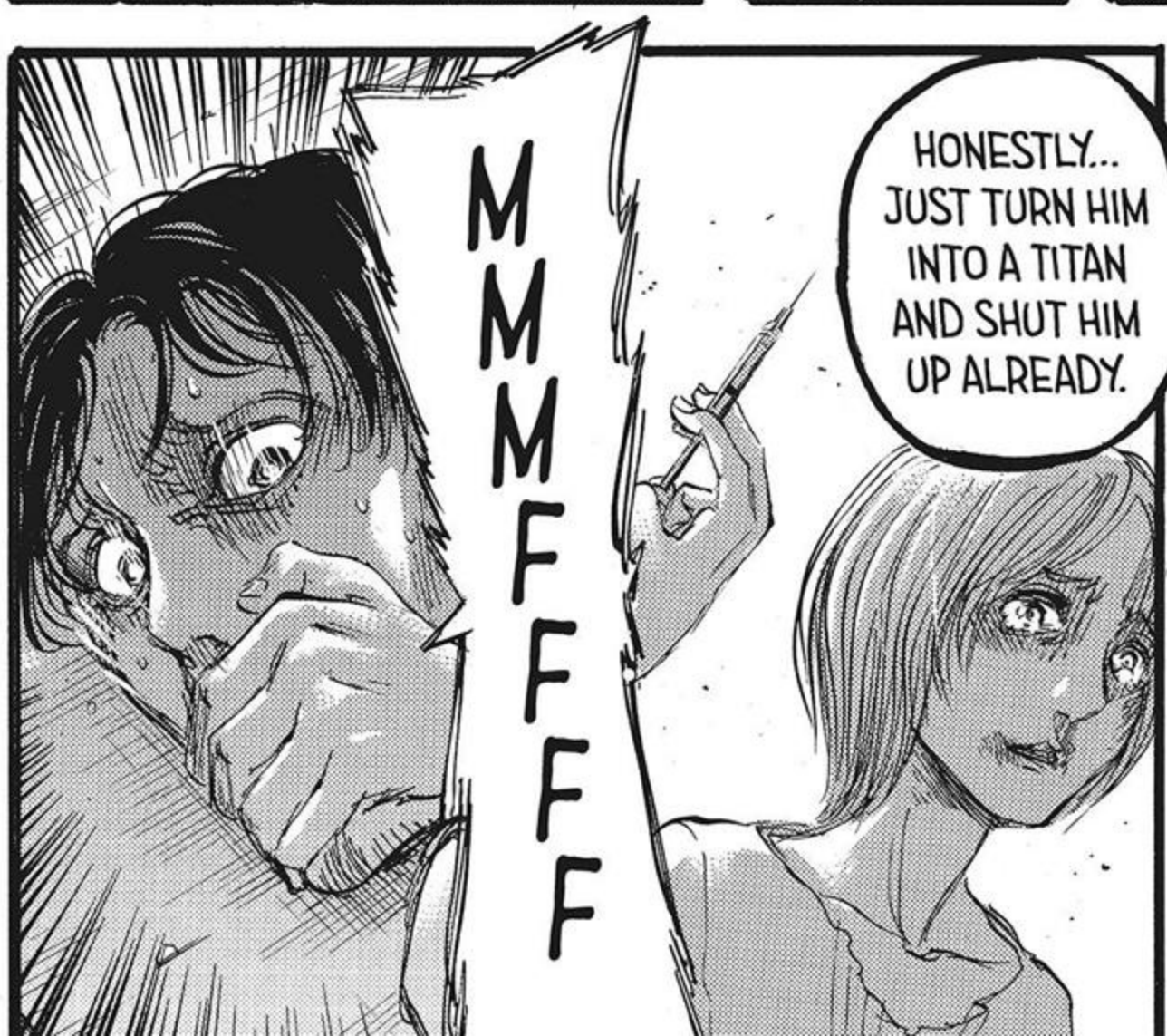
OH, A
WOMAN
NEXT?

WHAT
A WASTE.
IF ONLY SHE
DIDN'T HAVE
DEVIL'S
BLOOD IN
HER...

YEAH,
OKAY. DON'T
WORK
YOURSELF
TOO HARD,
ALL
RIGHT?

YOU
GO
AHEAD.

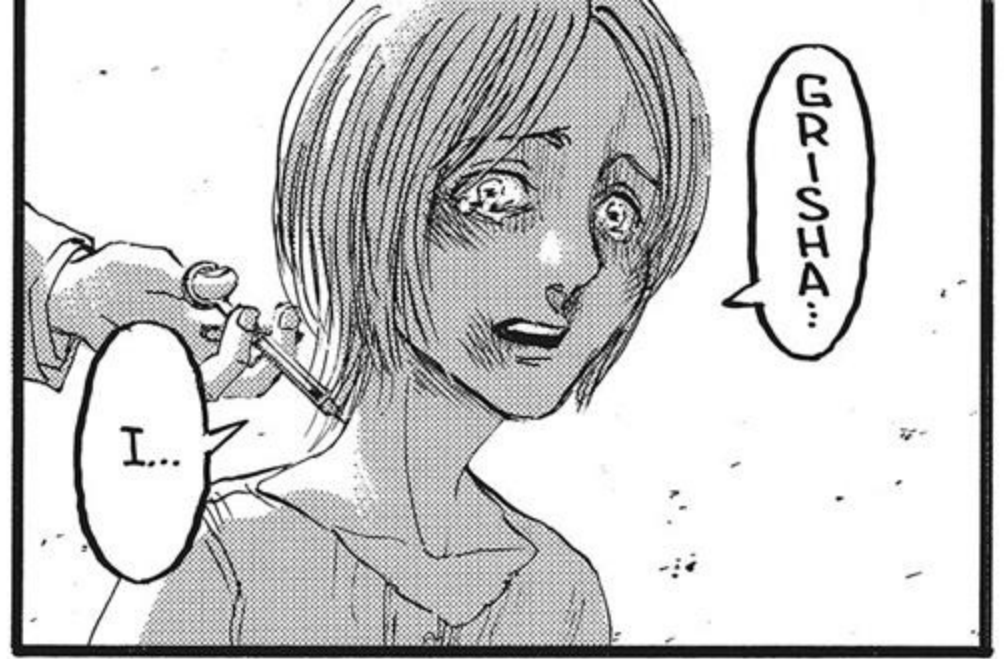






...DON'T
WORRY.
I'LL FIND
YOU.

NO
MATTER
WHAT I
BECOME
...



GR-SHA...

I...



HEH.
SOUNDS
GOOD.

YOU
TWO HAVE
A NICE LIFE
TOGETHER AS
TITANS.

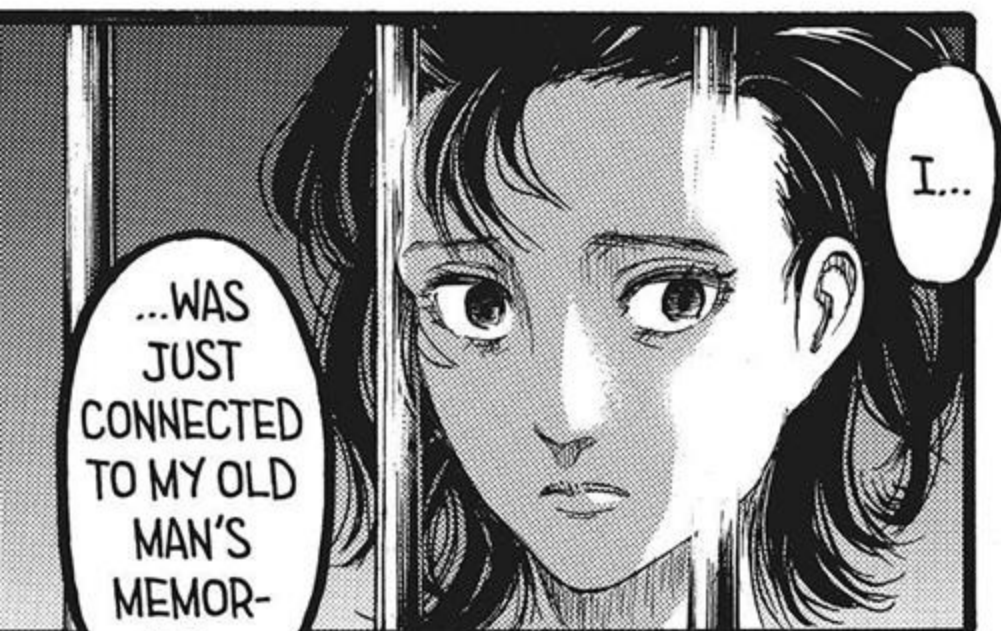






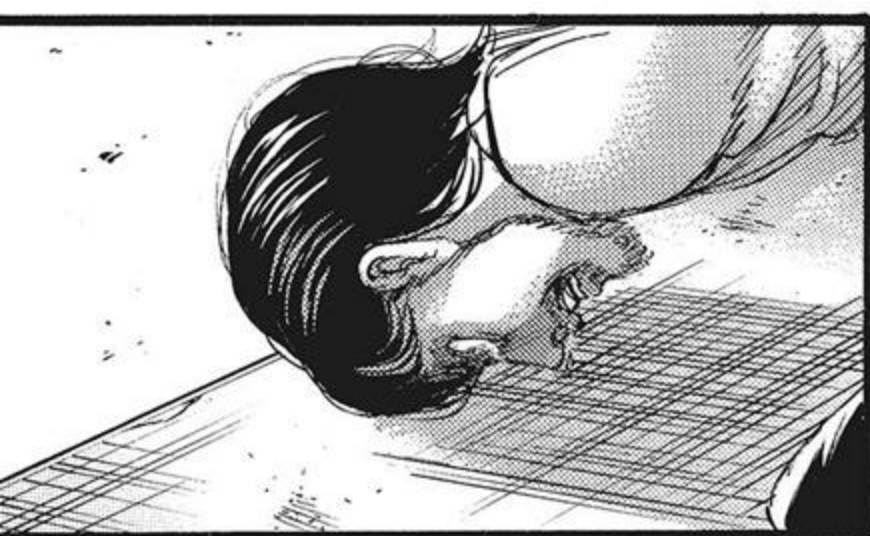
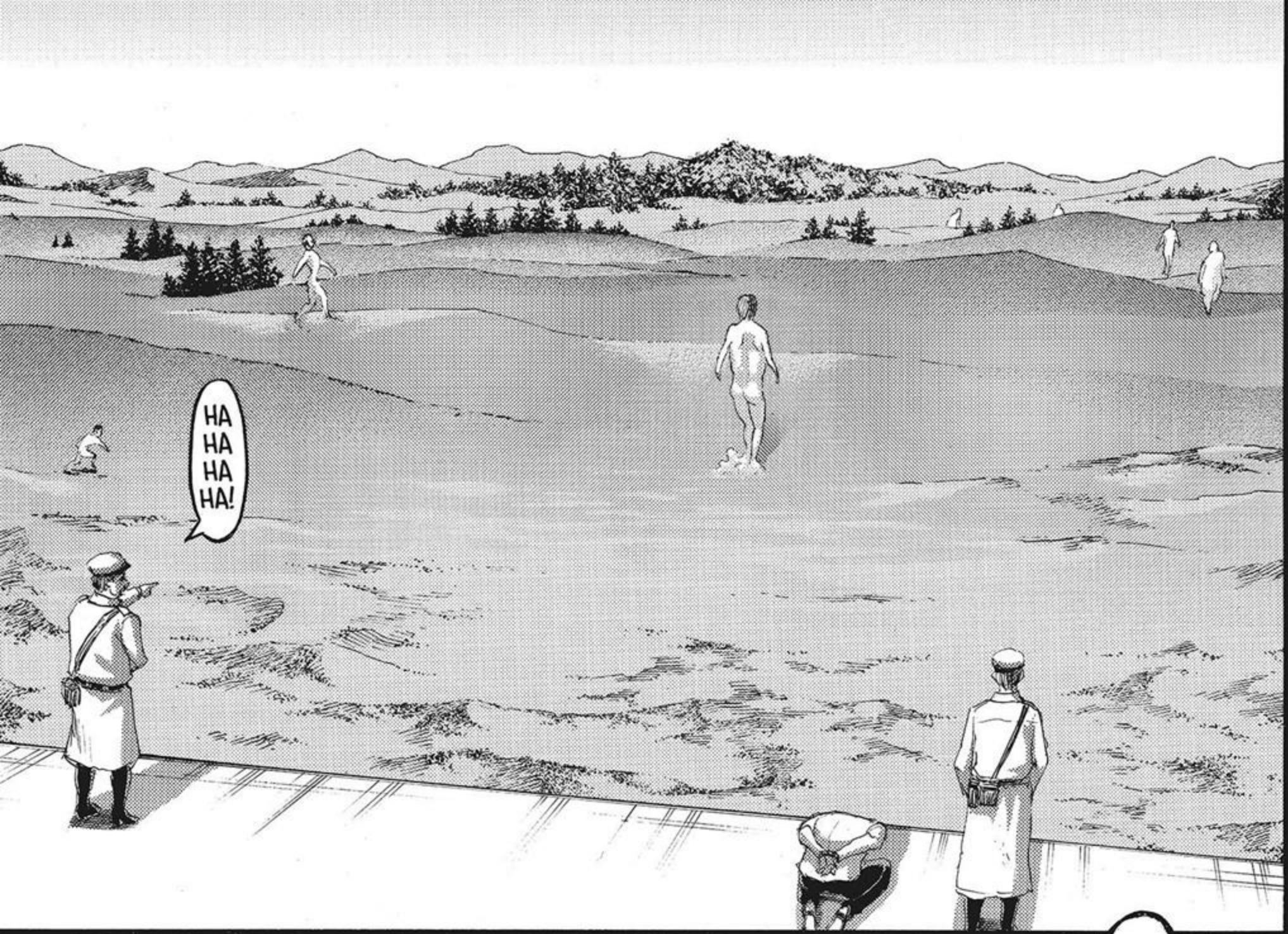








DINA...







ELDIAN OR NOT, THOUGH. TO THINK HE'S EVEN PUTTING HIS HANDS ON EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRLS...

EVERYONE NEEDS A HOBBY.

C'MON, NEWBIE. THE SERGEANT MAJOR WANTS SOME TIME TO HIMSELF.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR INTERROGATION, AREN'T YOU, KRUGER?

WE'LL MAKE HIM DANCE TODAY.



I DECIDED HE'S GOING TO BE EATING YOU.

I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU A TITAN.

I REMEMBER YOU NOW, SON.



DANCE ?!



...

AND I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HOLD OUT FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

SO YOU FIGHT HIM.



I'LL BE SURE TO MAKE HIM A THREE-OR FOUR-METER TITAN.



YOU...

WHY... ARE YOU DOING THIS?



YOU WANT TO KNOW... WHY?

WHY?



...



SURE, THERE MIGHT BE A FEW WHO DON'T WANT TO SEE IT.

IT'S FUN TO WATCH HUMANS GET EATEN BY MONSTERS.

POK 1-0 7



BECAUSE IT'S FUN... WHY ELSE?

THESE
DAYS, YOU
HARDLY EVER
GET TO FEEL
ALIVE.

DECADES
OF PEACE
ARE GREAT,
BUT
SOME-
THING'S
MISSING.



THINK
ABOUT IT.
WE'VE BEEN
AT PEACE
SINCE WE
WERE FREED
FROM ELDIAN
RULE.

BUT
MOST
PEOPLE
LIKE
WATCHING
BRUTAL-
ITY.

BUT IN
A SOCIETY
THAT TAKES
PEACE FOR
GRANTED, THE
PEOPLE WHO
THINK THAT
WAY ARE **AB-
NORMAL.**

WELL,
I'M
DIFFER-
ENT.



...BUT
THE FACT
IS, THAT
FEELING'S
THE NATURAL
STATE FOR
LIVING
THINGS.

DO YOU
WAKE UP
FEELING THAT
YOU MIGHT DIE
TODAY? I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MANY PEOPLE
DO...

AND
MY SONS
LEARNED
SOMETHING
WATCHING
THEIR DOGS
TEAR APART
YOUR
SISTER.

IT
**BUILT
CHAR-
ACT-
ER.**

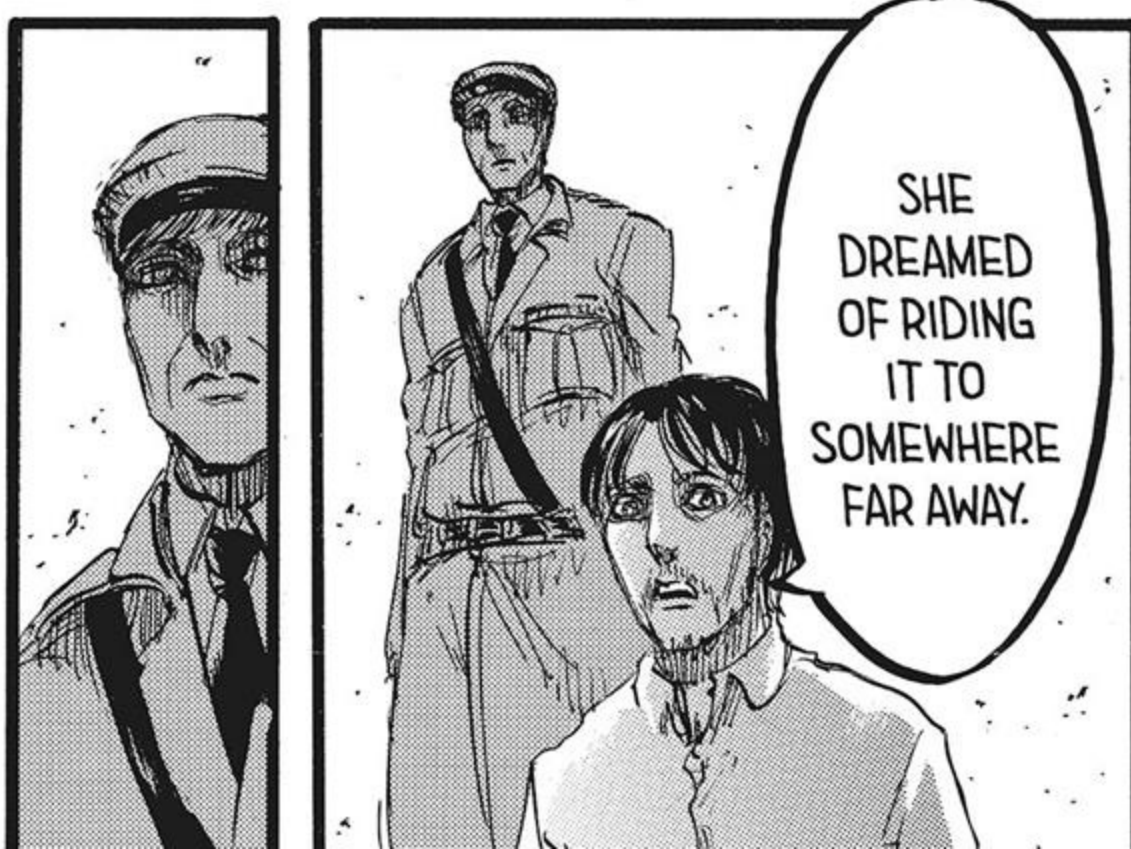


LEARN-
ING
SHOULD
BE FUN.

AND THAT'S
BECAUSE I
FACE THE
TRUTH OF THIS
CRUEL WORLD
AND TRY TO
**UNDER-
STAND**
IT.

WE'RE
ALL GONNA
DIE, BUT ME,
I'M READY TO
ACCEPT IT
WHEN MY DAY
COMES.

AAA







AND
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
JUST AS
HUMAN AS
US?

GET A
LITTLE
TITAN SPINAL
FLUID IN YOUR
BLOOD AND
YOU BECOME
GIANT
MONSTERS.



BUT
EVERY TIME
WE THINK WE'RE
FREE OF YOU
RATS, ONE OF YOU
GETS UPPITY
AGAIN.

GET
IT?

SURE,
IT'S
PEACE-
FUL
NOW,

YOU'RE
MONSTERS IN
HUMAN SKIN. AND
IT'S A TERRIFYING
NIGHTMARE
THAT ANYONE
EVER LET YOU
REPRODUCE.

THERE'S
NO LIVING
THING IN THE
WORLD LIKE YOU
ELDIANS, YOU
"SUBJECTS OF
YMIR."



...TO
WIPE
OUT
EVERY
LAST
ELDIAN.

ALL OF
HUMANITY
WISHES FOR
THE SAME
THING.



THE ONLY
ANSWER
IS TO
EXTERMI-
NATE THEM
ALL.

LET A
FEW RATS
LIVE IN YOUR
HOME AND
EVENTUALLY
THEY TAKE
OVER.



WHAT
DID YOU
SAY ?



IT'S EASY.
I'M NOT
KILLING
HUMAN
BEINGS.

HOW
I LIVE
WITH
MYSELF ?

SO YOU
WANNA
KNOW
HOW?



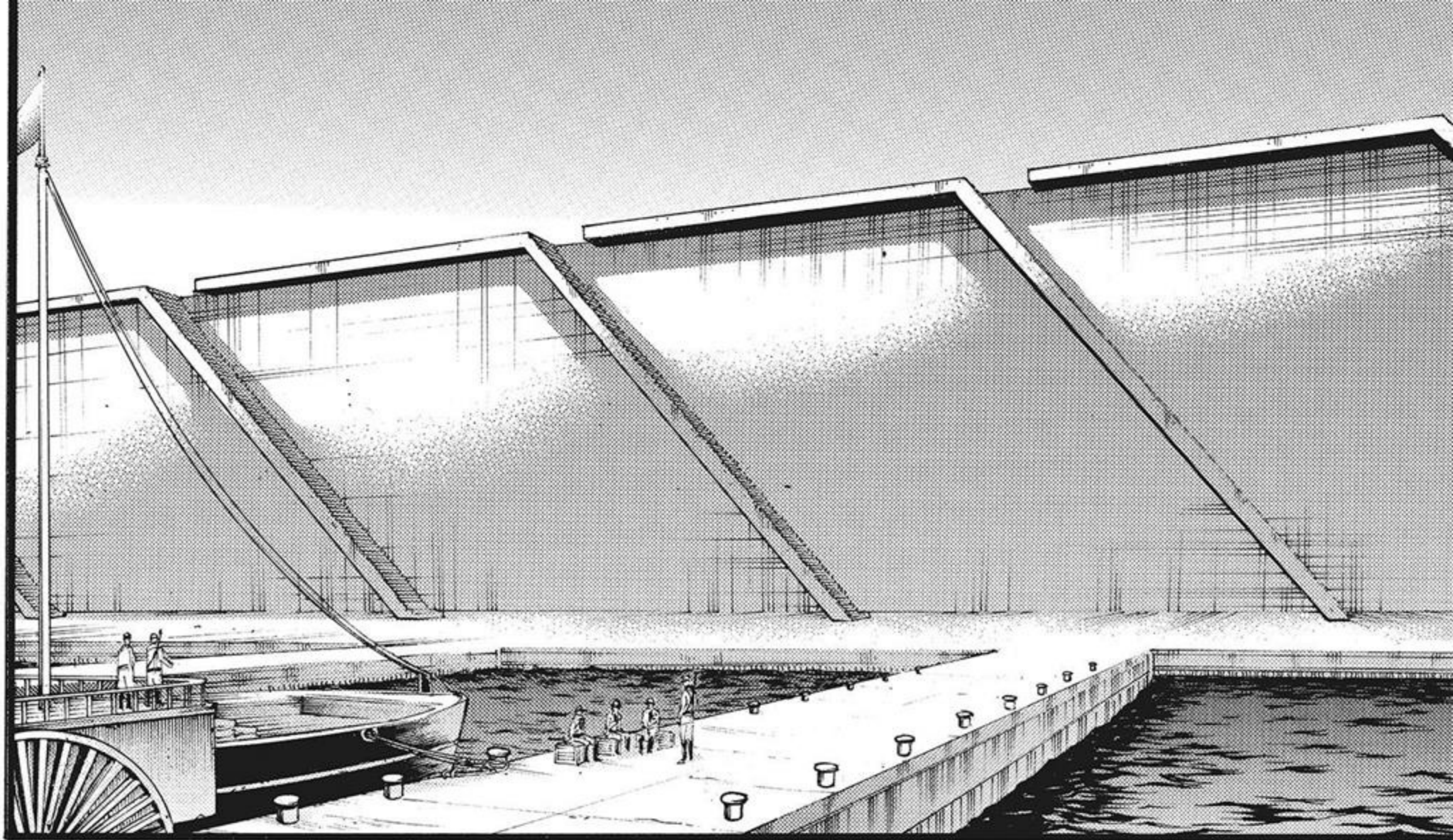
HOW
DO **YOU**
LIVE WITH
YOUR-
SELF?

YOU WERE
FOLLOWING
THE SAME
PATH AS THE
OLD ELDIAN
EMPIRE.



YOU'RE
THE
KILLERS
HERE.

WHAT
WERE YOU
RESTORATION-
ISTS TRYING
TO DO TO
MARLEY?





WHY
DON'T
YOU TALK
TO YOUR
FRIEND
DOWN
THERE
ABOUT
IT?

YOU
HAVE A
GRAND
HISTORY,
RIGHT
?

GRASP

STOP
IT!



...YEAH,
I GET
IT.

MARLEY IS
DISTORTING
HISTORY.



SHOW ME
SOME NEW
WAY I'VE
NEVER
SEEN BE-
FORE.

YOU
THINK
THIS IS
FUNNY,
YOU
BAS-
TARD?!

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS! I
WANT TO SEE
YOU GET EATEN
BY A TITAN!

JUST
PROMISE
ME YOU'LL
MAKE YOUR
DEATH
INTERESTING,
HUH?



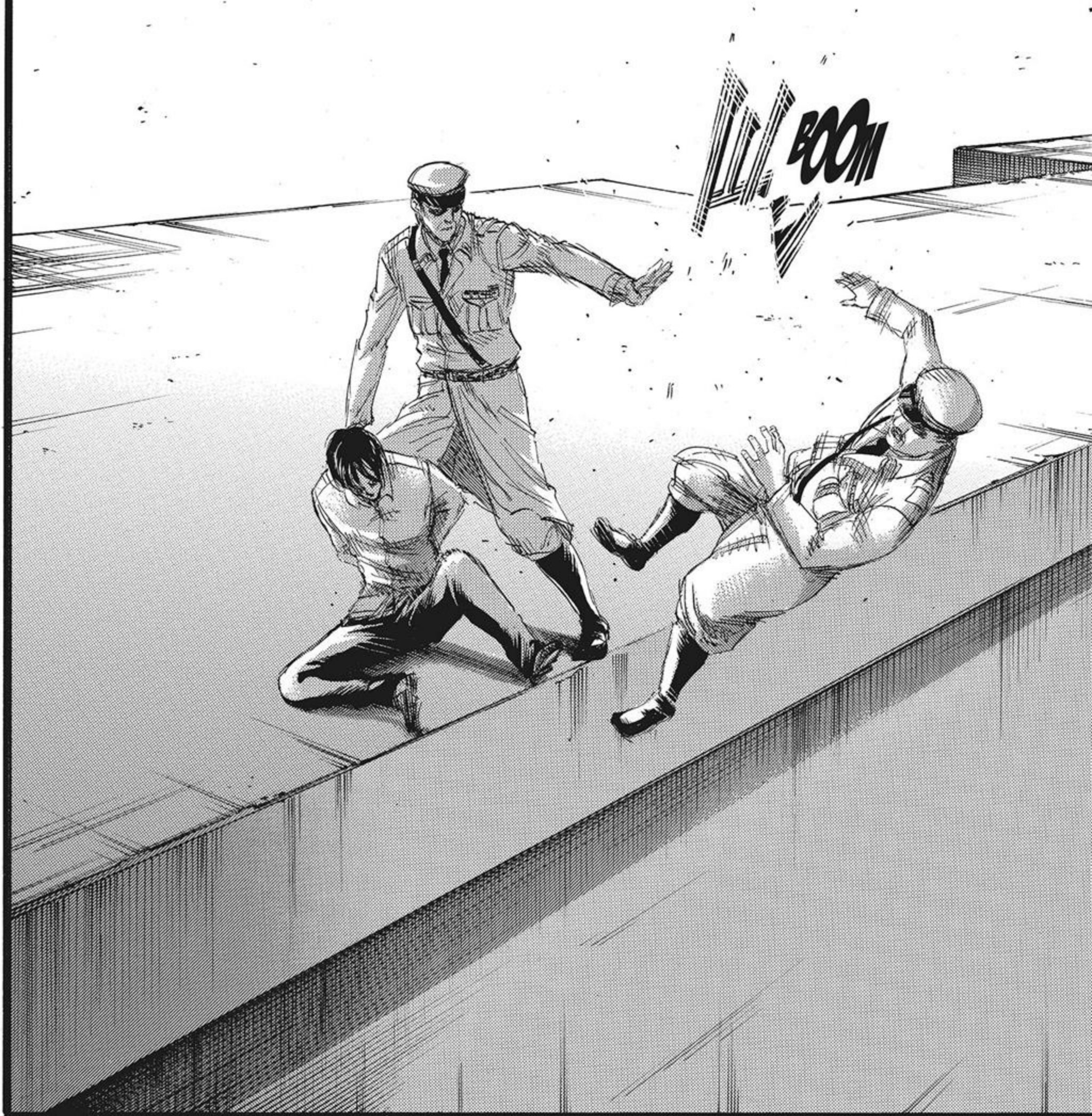
DAMN
Yo
oo
oo
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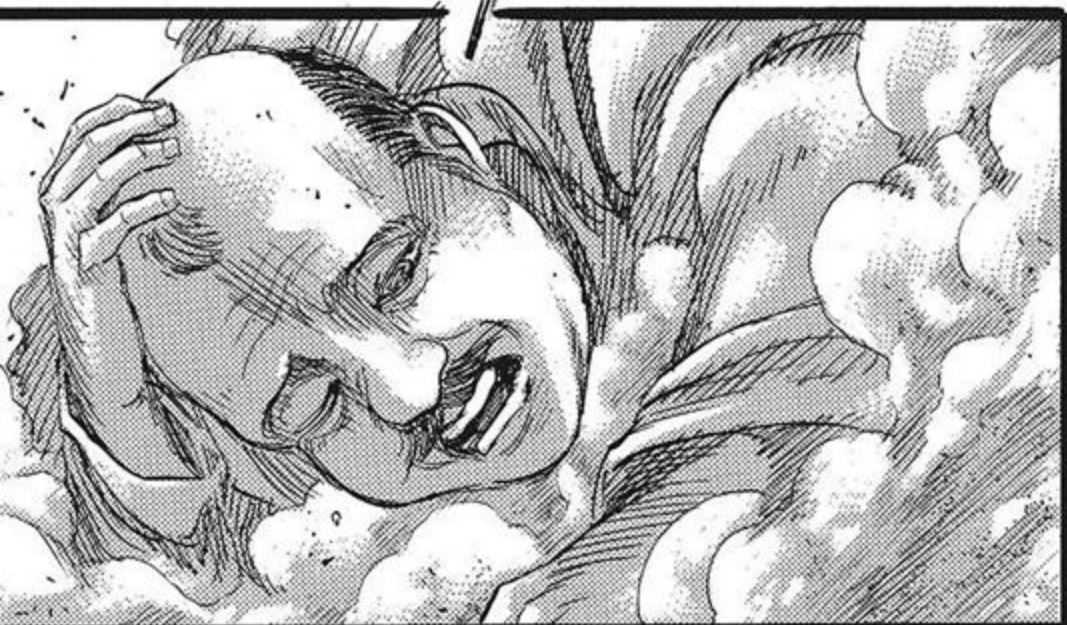
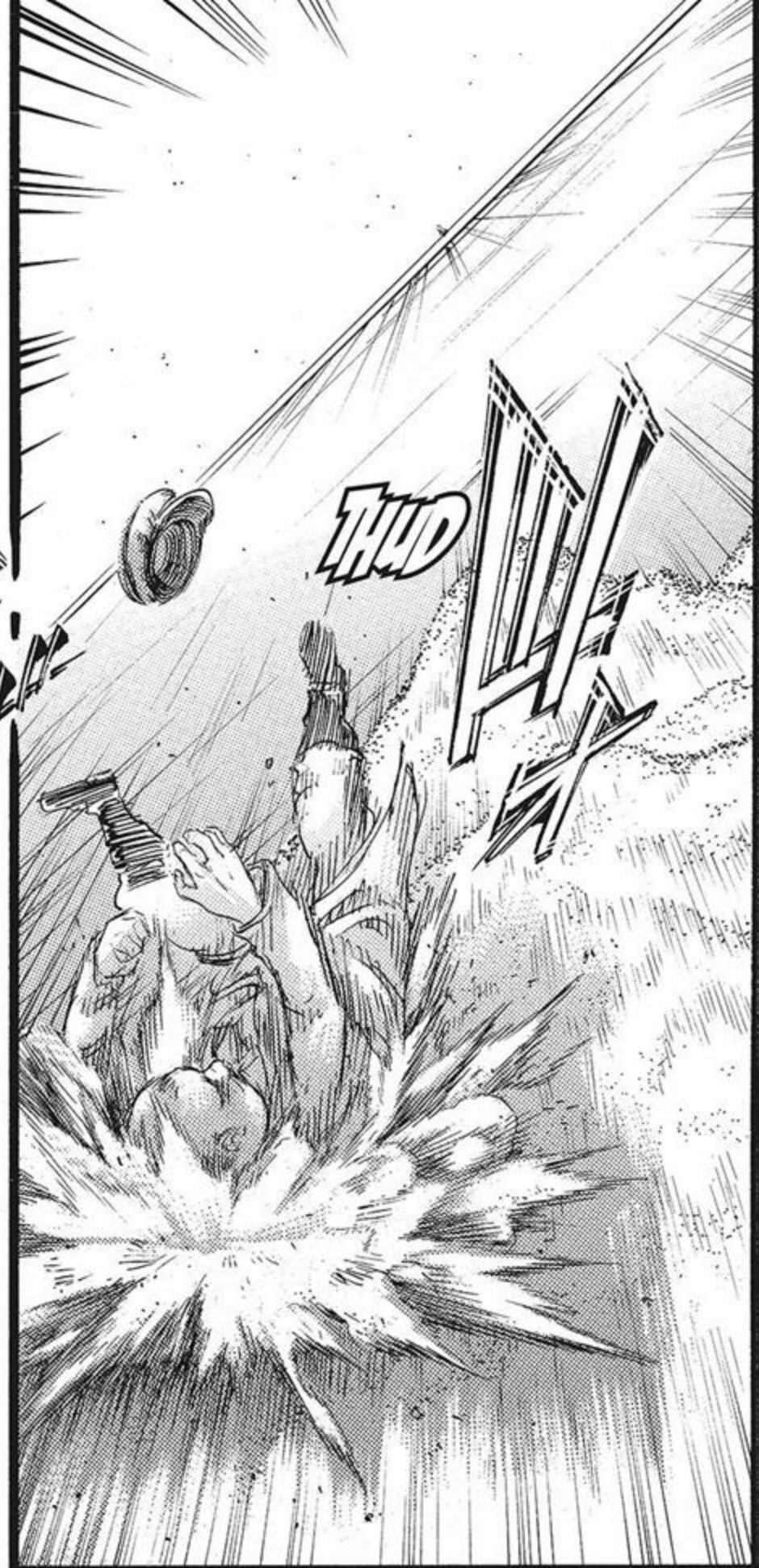
BE
MORE
POSITIVE
ABOUT
IT!

HEAR
THAT?!
YOUR
SISTER'S
CALLING
YOU!

AHH!

NOW,
DON'T GET
UPSET. I
ALREADY TOLD
YOU, IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO HAVE
FUN.











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